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The claims are 1-17.

A terminal disclaimer is required to overcome a double patenting rejection under 35 USC 101 over USP 6,005,001. A terminal disclaimer is attached.

The claims are also rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Richter et al., U.S.P. 5,681,849. The rejection is traversed. The present application is a descendant from the application which issued as U.S.P. 5,681,849. Therefore, the claims cannot be rejected under 35 USC 103 over this patent.

It is requested that the Examiner reconsider the rejection in view of the Terminal Disclaimer and remarks and that the case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer + Assignment